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Thanks for participating in Thursday's UHRC Policy Group meeting.

We discussed the following:

UHRC Operations:

- * The UHRC continued its operations from 7am to 5pm, Monday - Friday.
- * The UHRC helped LAHSA coordinate its response to several heavy rain-related rescue efforts during the week's rain event. LAHSA also deployed to the Sepulveda Basin to contact folks living there to offer them assistance. Per LAHSA, none accepted help; they told LAHSA they planned to "stay put" and "move to higher ground" in the basin.
- * Enhanced services continue to go well in El Pueblo. Here are some of the metrics to date (since 10/10):
 - * # people added to El Puente Interest List -- 37
 - * # of shelter placements directly from the streets -- 17
 - * # of housing placements directly from the streets -- 2

Joint City/County Typhus Task Force:

- * BSS and LASAN continue to clean the expanded Operation Healthy Streets (OHS) Zone in DTLA.
- * To date, a total of 730 rodent burrows have been sealed (427 in the streets/sidewalks and 303 in the tree wells).
- * Currently, BSS sweeps the following streets DAILY, during the restricted overnight parking hours:
 - * 3rd St. from Central Ave. to Hill St.
 - * 4th St. from Central Ave. to Hill St.
 - * 5th St. from Central Ave. to Hill St.
 - * 6th St. from Central Ave. to Hill St.
 - * 7th St. from Central Ave. to Hill St.
 - * Maple Ave. between 5th St. and 6th St.
 - * Wall St. between 5th St. and 6th St.

Joint City/County Opioid and Fentanyl-related Deaths Collaborative:

- * The next meeting of the LA County-led Help for Addiction, Recovery, and Treatment (HEART) Collaborative is Monday, December 10th at 3pm.
- * LAHSA received its Naloxone doses and will deploy them county-wide by January 2019.

Los Angeles Fire Department VHFHSZ Task Force:

- * The City Attorney reported its office had finished its review of existing code sections that need to be changed/updated to allow address evacuating individuals experiencing homelessness from brush areas, including during red flag days and during emergencies. The City Attorney would like Council to direct his office to begin drafting legislative language before the Council goes on recess. The Mayor's Office and City Attorney's Office will work on identifying potential Council sponsors.
- * The LAFD's VHFHSZ Task Force met immediately after last week's UHRC Policy Group meeting on 11/29. The action items were reported out at the UHRC Policy Group meeting, and are as follows:
 - * EMD--Coordinate contact information with the County's Department of Mental Health and Office of Emergency Management for assistance with transportation needs and staffing evacuation centers during an evacuation.
 - * All Departments--Develop Standard Operating Guidelines to outline each department's ability to respond to low, medium, and high-risk events. Each department will assess its ability to staff representatives at each level and what "response actions" that can be expected. The Fire Department sent examples of operational guides and reports for departments to use as templates. These examples are attached.

A Bridge Home - Focus Areas:

El Puente / El Pueblo

- * TPC reported one of its residents had moved into permanent housing. Another person from the interest list was moved in.
- * The Policy Group discussed plans for the Virgen de Guadalupe Celebration in El Pueblo. The Mayor's Office, LASAN, El Pueblo, and Chrysalis have been coordinating to move the LASAN trailers off-site during the celebration and ensure outreach workers are informing folks they won't have access to their property during that time except in the case of an emergency.

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* The SLOs from Hollywood Area have reported large amounts of trash from the encampments along Selma Ave. The UHRC directed LASAN to add trash cans on Selma and to assess whether adding a roll-away bin would also help. LAHSA will immediately begin to distribute trash bags to folks living in encampments there.

1920 W. 3rd Street

* No update.

100 Sunset Ave.

* Motion going to Council on 12/11 and to the Coastal Commission on 12/12.

5965 St. Andrew's Pl.

* No update.

28917 S. Hope St.

* CD9 provided the UHRC with proposed Focus Area boundaries. The UHRC then mapped out encampments and conducted a heat analysis.

Additional:

* The CAO and City Attorney discussed the City's ongoing efforts to learn from and work with the County as a part of its Diversion vs. Citation Working Group. Through these and other efforts, the LAPD has begun working closely with the Sheriff's Department to learn more about their model for outreach and engagement with law enforcement.

* The UHRC Policy Group discussed departments' current approaches for addressing RV or encampment fires. Per the Policy Group's direction, in the event of an RV or tent fire, the LAFD will respond and notify SAN as soon as the fire has been extinguished. SAN Watershed Protection Division will respond to address any hazardous material and notify SAN Solids and/or LADOT, if necessary.

* LAPD reported its quarterly homelessness report will be heard by the Police Commission on December 18th.

* The Homeless Strategy Committee will meet and consider HEAP funding proposals on December 20th. The CAO's report and recommendations to the HSC will be public by Monday, December 17th.

Notes from the 11/29 UHRC Policy Group meeting are attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I have missed (or misstated) anything from the meeting.

Thanks so much!

Brian

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